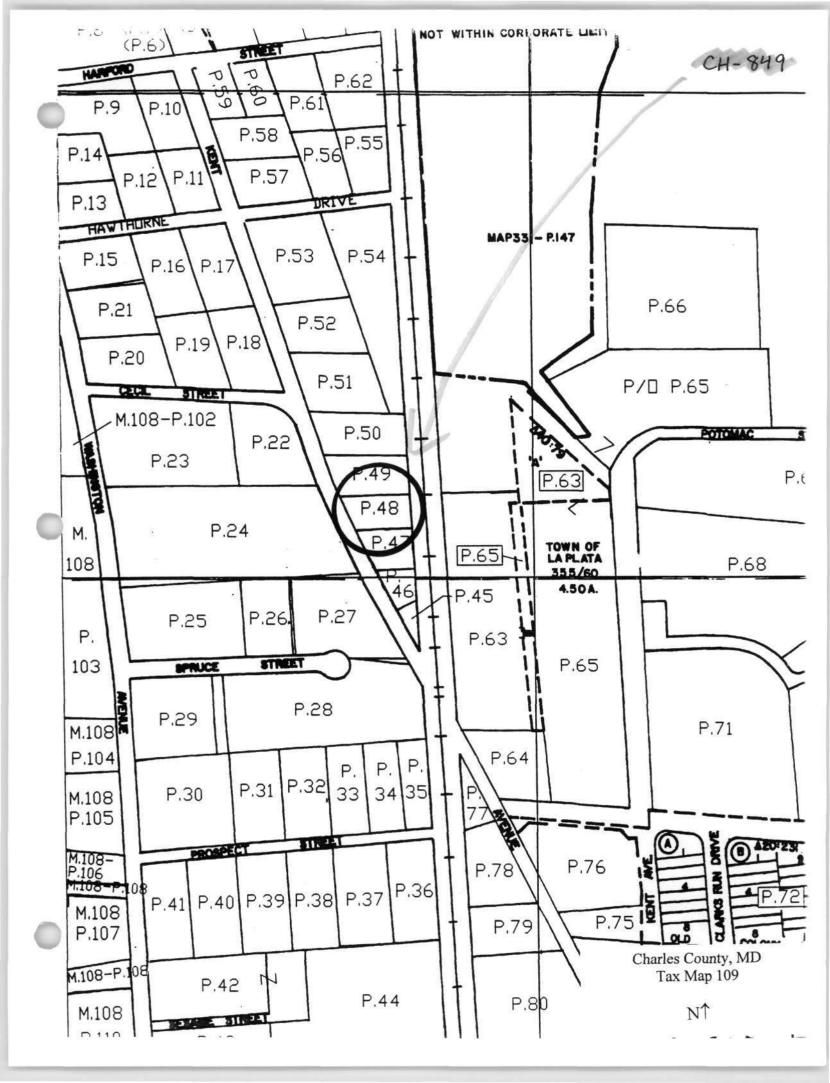
## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Inventory Number: H-849
Address: 506 Kent Avenue, Charles County - in the vianity of La Plata
Owner: Baber, William and Carol J
Tax Parcel Number: 48 Tax Map Number: 109
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no _ yes Name: Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended _X
Criteria A B C D
Is property located within a historic district?: X no _ yes Name of District:
Is district listed?: X no _ yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
506 Kent Avenue is a one-and-one-half-story, three-bay wide dwelling with a side gable roof. The house is symmetrical except for a small one-story projection on the north elevation. A front gable dormer is located above the entrance, which is centered on the primary elevation (west).
Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.
World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across
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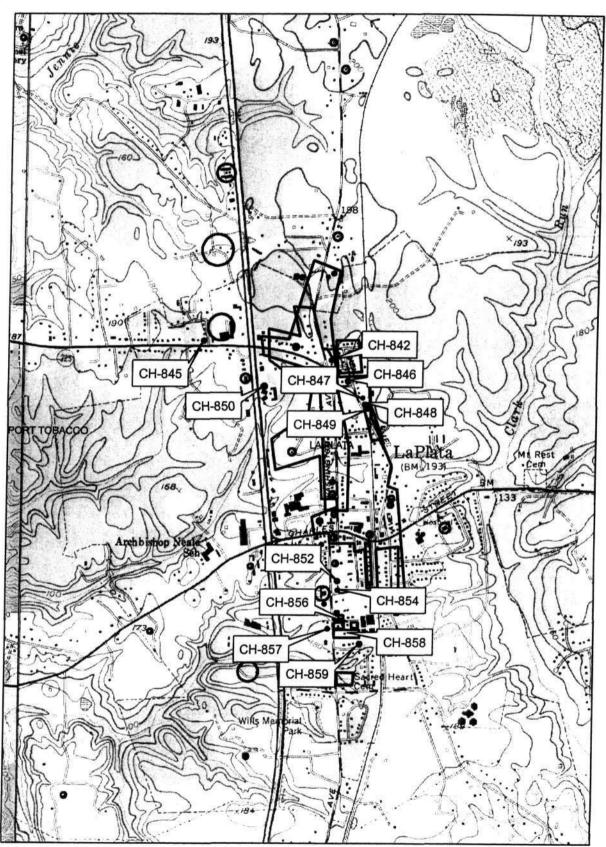
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the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1930, this Colonial Revival-style house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development within La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



CH 849 La Plata Quad





14-849 CH-849 500 Kent Avenue Charles County, MD Traceries June, 1999 MD SHPO View of West Elevation